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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT REYKJAVIK FROM SECSTATE 10 APRIL  
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TAGS: MARR IC

SUBJECT: ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE RETENTION ISSUE

AMBASSADOR SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AGUSTSSON  
FROM THE SECRETARY:

AMBASSADOR IRVING HAS TOLD ME THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING  
INVOKING ARTICLE VII OF THE 1951 DEFENSE AGREEMENT CONCERN-  
ING OUR BASES IN ICELAND. THIS SURPRISED ME VERY MUCH BE-  
CAUSE I THOUGHT WE WERE WELL EMBARKED ON THE COURSE OF  
INFORMAL BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WHICH YOU HAD PROPOSED  
AND TO WHICH YOUR RECENT VISIT HERE HAD CONTRIBUTED SO USE-  
FULLY.

I MOST STRONGLY HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ON THAT COURSE  
WHICH YOU HAD EARLIER LAID OUT. I AM CONCERNED THAT AN  
INVOCATION OF ARTICLE VII AT THIS PARTICULARLY DELICATE AND  
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COMPLEX STAGE OF EAST- WEST NEGOTIATIONS ON EUROPEAN  
SECURITY AND MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS COULD  
GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY IS WEAKENING  
ON IMPORTANT SECURITY MATTERS. I AM SURE FROM MY DISCUS-  
SIONS WITH YOU IN JANUARY THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE  
THE BROAD INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE VERY MUCH AT HEART, AND  
I URGE YOU TO TAKE THOSE BROAD CONSIDERATIONS FULLY INTO  
ACCOUNT AS YOU DEVELOP YOUR POSITIONS ON THE BASE ISSUE.  
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